



Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations

Beef Cattle



Health Certificate - issued within 30 days of entry

Official identification, testing and statements listed on health certificate



Import Permit - To obtain a permit number:

Permit Line: 406-444-2976

Email: livpermits@mt.gov (Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm)

Fax: 406-444-1929 (Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm)

Effective March 1st: CVIs issued using Global Vet Link, and Agview do not require import permit numbers.



Official Identification

USDA Silver Clip, Bangs Tag, or 840 RFID Tag

All sexually intact animals require official ID

- Exemption: calves at side less than 6 months of age

Identification must be listed on health certificate

Find more identification and documentation exemptions [here](#). (Link to identification memo)



Feeding, Breeding, and/or Sale Cattle Import Testing Requirements

Trichomoniasis

Bulls for sale purposes:

- Virgin bulls less than 12 months of age
- No testing required

Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age

- No testing required

Non-virgin bulls and bulls greater than 24 months of age

- One single negative PCR within 60 days
- Void upon commingling with female cattle

*Pooled PCRs are acceptable



Feeding, Breeding, and/or Sale Cattle Import

Documentation Requirements

M-Statement

- Required Statement: *"The animals in this shipment are NOT 'M-Branded' (Mexico origin) nor have they been in contact with or exposed to any 'M-Branded' cattle."*
- Required Statement: *"The animals in this shipment ARE 'M-Branded' (Mexico origin) or they have been in contact with or exposed to 'M-Branded' cattle."*

Additional Statements

Bulls for sale purposes:

- Virgin bulls less than 12 months of age
 - Required Statement: *"The bull(s) identified on this certificate are virgin bulls"*
- Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age
 - Required Statement: *"The bull(s) identified on this certificate are virgin bulls," signed by owner.*

Calves without dams, 1 month of age or less, require a 30-day quarantine with the following statement on the CVI: *"Calf (calves) must be held on premises of destination and may not be resold for 30 days."*